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LETTER DATED 27 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On the instructions of my Government I have the honour to request you to convene a meeting of the Security Council as soon as possible in order to consider the terrorist activities being carried out against the Republic of Cuba, which are promoted, encouraged or tolerated by the United States authorities.

For more than three decades successive Washington administrations have been responsible for conducting many criminal activities against the people of Cuba that my Government has brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. These activities are still going on.

Terrorist groups in the territory of the United States are openly and with great publicity forming military organizations, conducting training with weapons and explosives and shamelessly announcing their plans to invade Cuba. In recent months some of these terrorists have been captured in my country and both they and their sponsors have revealed how they use camps and installations in Florida to carry out their misdeeds. This is no secret. It is scandalously easy to find clear proof in many parts of the United States mass media of the use of the United States territory with the complicity or tolerance of the Washington Government to attack Cuba in clear and flagrant violation of international law.

The United States, and specifically its Central Intelligence Agency, has committed countless crimes against the people of Cuba, but undoubtedly one of the most abominable, repugnant and cruel was the destruction of a Cuban civilian aircraft in mid-flight, near Barbados, on 6 October 1976, causing the death of the 73 persons on board. Many years have passed, yet the persons who plotted this atrocity, Mr. Orlando Bosch and Mr. Luis Posada Carriles, have still not been punished and are currently under the protection of the United States Government.

The international community cannot disregard these facts; to do so would be to allow the current United States Administration to impose its

hegemonistic designs and a concept of international relations characterized, inter alia, by excessive and illegal manipulation of the United Nations, arbitrariness and cynicism.

The United States leaders who are now posing as opponents of international terrorism are the same people who for years trained, armed, financed and directed the terrorist activities of Mr. Bosch and Mr. Posada and others of their ilk; who have done everything possible since 1976 to prevent justice being done in the case of the Cuban aircraft; and who have protected and continue to protect the two persons who masterminded this barbaric act. They are the same people who allow the terrorists to operate with total impunity in United States territory, to acquire and openly use weapons and explosives, to prepare armed attacks against Cuba from United States territory, publicly to announce beforehand their intention to carry out such attacks and to boast about them afterwards.

They are the same people who, with their aggressive and illegal policy against Cuba, a policy reflected in President Bush's recent decisions aimed at extending and intensifying the blockade against Cuba and even threatening the possibility of a naval blockade, and in his electoral harangues in Miami, are encouraging the murderers and inspiring the bandits.

During the course of this year, the Security Council has seen fit to state that it is determined to eliminate international terrorism. In the statement issued on 31 January 1992, Council members, most of whom were represented at the level of Heads of State or Government, "expressed their deep concern over acts of international terrorism, and emphasized the need for the international community to deal effectively with all such acts".

In its resolution 748 (1992) the Security Council reaffirmed that "every State has the duty to refrain from organizing, instigating, assisting or participating in terrorist acts in another State or acquiescing in organized activities within its territory directed towards the commission of such acts, when such acts involve a threat or use of force".

It is obvious that the term "every State" includes also those which are members of the Security Council, particularly its permanent members.

Accordingly, the Security Council has the inescapable obligation to condemn also the terrorist actions for which the Government of the United States is responsible, and to demand that the latter hand over Messrs. Orlando Bosch and Luis Posada Carriles to the Cuban courts and take immediate steps to eliminate completely the terrorist activities carried out from United States territory against Cuba.

The attacks on Pan Am flight 103 and Union de Transports Aériens flight 772 must be resolutely condemned and their authors severely punished. The Government of Cuba does not hesitate to condemn them and to demand that these deeds be fully clarified and that strict justice be done. However, Cubana flight 455 was also a civilian aircraft and its victims were also human

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beings; yet those directly responsible for the horrendous crime continue to evade justice, and continue to do so thanks to the protection offered by the United States Government.

Just as we firmly condemn the sabotage of the Pan American aircraft and the Union de Transports Aériens aircraft, so we demand that the Security Council condemn the sabotage of the Cubana de Aviación aircraft. Not to do so would be immoral and would dishonour the Council and undermine its prestige and credibility.

Just as we reject international terrorism, so we demand that an immediate end be put to the terrorism promoted, fostered or tolerated by the United States Government against Cuba.

These are the reasons that prompt my Government to request that the Security Council meet as soon as possible and act in accordance with its obligations.

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